

ABSTRACT

A nucleic acid sequence required for regulating the autolytic activity of bacteria is provided. Also provided are polypeptides encoded by the gene or mutant gene as well as
5 vector and host cells for expressing these polypeptides. Methods for identifying and using agents which interact with the gene or mutant gene or polypeptides encoded thereby to inhibit bacterial growth and infectivity are also provided.

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